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1. ON JUNE 15 USDEL (GLAZER) REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF STATUS UNFPA SUPPORT FOR WHO SPECIAL PROGRAM OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION. CITING REPORTS OF UNFPA CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR BOTH 1977 AND 1978, HE SAID THIS ACTION IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH U.S. UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWING INFORMAL DONORS' MEETING ON SPECIAL PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 1977. UNFPA HAD THEN AGREED TO PREPARE REPORT FOR 25TH SESSION UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS PENDING COUNCIL REVIEW. USDEL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT REPORTED UNFPA CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT BE IN LINE WITH UNFPA DOCUMENTATION FOR 25TH SESSION WHICH INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT "UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS NEW TYPES ACTIVITIES OR INCREASED SUPPORT TO ONGOING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONTRACEPTIVE RESEARCH COULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN IF AND WHEN SUPPORT TO CURRENT PROGRAMS IS REDUCED OR PHASED OUT." (DP/332, PARA 88).

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2. IN RESPONSE, UNFPA DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (HALVOR GILLE, DENMARK) CONFIRMED DOLS 1.4 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO WHO SPECIAL PROGRAM OVER YEARS 1977 AND 1978. HE DENIED ACCURACY OF U.S. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT OCTOBER 1977 MEETING. GILLE ALSO SAID THAT IN DECEMBER 1977 HE CONSULTED AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR SANDER LEVIN WHO SAID USG WOULD HAVE NO

REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO A UNFPA CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL PROGRAM IN 1977 AND 1978.

3. COMMENT. U.S. POSITION, CLEARED INTERDEPARTMENTALLY OCTOBER 1977, WAS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO UNFPA SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM PENDING COUNCIL REVIEW AT 25TH SESSION OF UNFPA PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PROGRAM RELATED TO SPECIFIC COUNTRY NEEDS. THIS POSITION WAS SUPPORTED BY OTHER DONORS INCLUDING JAPAN, NORWAY, FRG, NETHERLANDS, UK. END COMMENT.

4. MEMBERS USDEL RECALL NO CHANGE FROM OCTOBER 1977 POSITION WHICH WAS APPROVED BY LEVIN. ALSO RECALL THAT DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1977, GILLE QUERIED LEVIN DIRECTLY PABOUO U.S. ME POSITION AND THAT, AFTKRUCONSULTATION WITH STATE (GLAZER), LEVIN REITERATED OCTOBER 1977 POSITION TO GILLE. USDEL AWARE OF NO STATEMENT BY LEVIN THAT U.S. WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UNFPA CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL PROGRAM IN 1977 AND 1978. FYI, ONLY MENTION OF POSSIBLE INTERIM SUPPORT TO WHO PENDING COUNCIL ACTION ON FORMAL REQUEST CONCERNED SUM OF DOLS 200,000 OR LESS. U.S. HOWEVER DID NOT ACCEPT FEASIBILITY OF ANY INTERIM CONTRIBUTION AT OCTOBER MEETING.

5. REQUEST COMMENTS ON ABOVE SOONEST, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GILLE'S DETERMINED EFFORT TO MISREPRESENT FACTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CLAIM "HIGHEST LEVEL" USG CONCURRENCE WITH HIS ACTIONS. VANDEN OEUVEFV

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